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Mr. Chairman and Members Legislation and Reception Committee

Att: J. M. Gallipeau Secretary

Re: Ministry of the Environment Approvals Sewerage and Water Projects

Members of the Committee:

The Engineering Services Committee at its meeting of 81 09 08 considered a report with respect to the above-mentioned approvals, a copy of which is attached.

The Committee was advised by the Commissioner of Engineering that in order to expedite the start of construction projects and reduce the time and cost of staff in preparing submissions to the M.O.E. for approvals, that the Ontario Water Resources Commission Act be amended such that the Region would no longer be required to submit applications for these approvals to the M.O.E.

The Committee concurred with this request and recommended that the Legislation and Reception Committee request the Province to amend the O.W.R.C. Act accordingly.

Regional Council, at its meeting of 81 09 15, approved of the Committee's recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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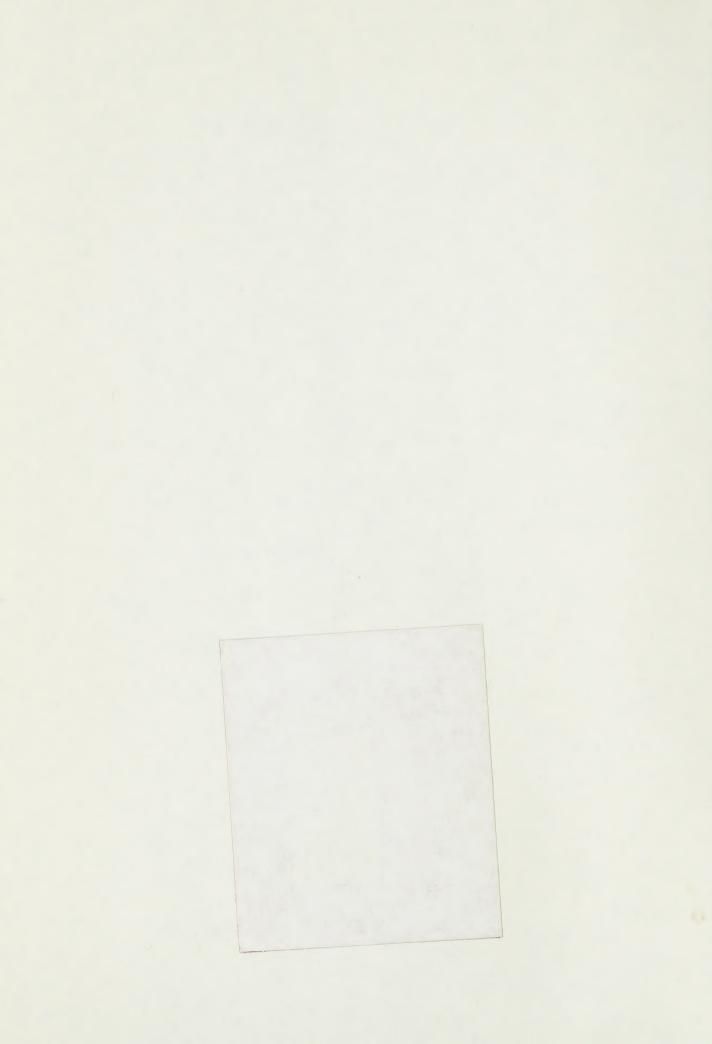
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Attention of J. W. Koshumba
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Mr. Chairman and Members Engineering Services Committee

Re: Ministry of Environment Approvals for Sewerage and Water projects

Members of the Committee:

#### Origin

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment (M.O.E.) under section 41 and 42 of the Ontario Water Resources Act requires that the Region submit to them an application for approval for sewerage and water projects prior to construction.

## Analysis

Initially all projects were submitted to the M.O.E. for review and approval and were subject to delays because of the work load by M.O.E. staff.

Recently, in co-operation with the M.O.E., the Region has agreed to a "transfer of approval" program whereby the engineering staff design projects to standards set out in guidelines by the M.O.E. and by declaring this in a letter at the time of the application, the M.O.E. does not initiate any further review, but still retains the control of the issuance and signing of the certificate of approval.

A further procedure to be initiated by the Region will be to type out the certificates and submit them only for the required signature. The amended procedures still require the Region to prepare and submit copies of plans and reports and the appropriate applications and typed certificates with the unavoidable time delay.

# Recommendations

To expedite the start of construction projects and to reduce the time and cost of staff in the preparation of submissions to the M.O.E. for approval of projects, we recommend that this report be referred to the Legislation and Reception Committee with the further recommendation that the Legislation and Reception Committee request the Province to

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Mr. Chairman and Members Engineering Services Committee

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amend the O.W.R.C. Act such that the Region would no longer be required to submit Applications for Approvals to the M.O.E. for sewerage and water projects.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. G. Leach,

Commissioner of Engineering

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c.c. Anne H. Jones, Regional Chairman

c.c. C.T.C. Armstrong, Regional Co-ordinator



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That the report of the Commissioner of Engineering respecting Ministry of the Environment approvals for sewerage and water projects be referred to the Legislative and Reception Committee and that the Committee request the Province to amend the O.W.R.C. Act such that the Region would no longer be required to submit Applications for Approval to the Ministry of the Environment for Regional sewerage and water projects.



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